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From: Doug Headrick [dougflash@sbvmwd.com]
Sent: Friday, June 22, 2007 11:19 AM
To: Yun, Joseph
Subject: RE: Response to Request for Information from IRWMP Scoping Meeting

Joe,

Here is another copy of the email. Let me know if there is anything else you may need.

Thanks,

Doug

From: Doug Headrick
Sent: Friday, February 09, 2007 10:22 AM
To: jyun@water.ca.gov
Cc: Bob Tincher
Subject: Response to Request for Information from IRWMP Scoping Meeting

Joe,

I am responding to the question posed at last week's Scoping Meeting in Alhambra regarding Performance Based vs. Competitive Grant Programs. As I understand the situation, the goal of DWR is to first raise the standard for Integrated Regional Plans and then focus on funding. I am completely in support of this idea.

From the very beginning of our IRWMP Planning Grant application submittal, I have consistently advocated that the ultimate goal of the effort should be to build productive relationships with all stakeholders throughout our watershed and not focus exclusively on the current grant funding availability. Certainly, we are putting an enormous amount of time and effort as the lead agency for the Upper Santa Ana River Watershed Integrated Regional Water Management Plan to develop a plan that exceeds all requirements so that we can be funded. However, we are also spending time setting expectations for our plan Stakeholders to ensure that they understand that there is inherent value in the planning process itself.

Your stated intent for the Performance Based Criteria is that, through a cooperative process with DWR Staff, better plans will result. On the question of whether this process is better than the current Competitive process, I believe it is not really an either/or scenario. I suggest you consider a Performance Based process for the IRWMP development then follow that with a Competitive Based selection process for the implementation funds open to those who have satisfied the previous Performance Based criteria for plan development. This approach may be able to meet all the important objectives.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments.

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